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[Docket No. IC17-2-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-549D and FERC-733); Consolidated Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collections and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the requirements and burden¹ of the information collections described below.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due [**INSERT DATE THAT IS 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER**]. **ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC17-2-000) by either of the following methods:

- eFiling at Commission's Web Site: http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp
- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,
 Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Please reference the specific collection number and/or title in your comments.

¹ The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information

collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by e-mail at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the information collection requirements for all collections described below with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Please note that each collection is distinct from the next.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FERC-549D, [Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Interstate Gas and

Hinshaw Pipelines]

OMB Control No.: 1902-0253

Abstract: The reporting requirements under FERC-549D are required to carry out the

Commission's policies in accordance with the general authority in Sections 1(c) of the

Natural Gas Act (NGA)² and Sections 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978

(NGPA)³. This collection promotes transparency by collecting and making available

intrastate and Hinshaw pipeline transactional information. The Commission collects the

data upon a standardized form with all requirements outlined in 18 CFR 284.126.

The FERC Form 549D collects the following information:

• Full legal name and identification number of the shipper receiving service;

• Type of service performed for each transaction;

• The rate charged under each transaction;

• The primary receipt and delivery points for the transaction, specifying the rate

schedule/name of service and docket were approved;

The quantity of natural gas the shipper is entitled to transport, store, and deliver

for each transaction;

• The term of the transaction, specifying the beginning and ending month and year

of current agreement;

• Total volumes transported, stored, injected or withdrawn for the shipper; and

² 15 USC 717-817-w ³ 15 USC 3301-3432

 Annual revenues received for each shipper, excluding revenues from storage services.

Filers submit the Form-549D on a quarterly basis.

Access to the FERC-549D Information Collection Materials: A copy of the current form and related materials can be found at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/forms.asp#549d, but will not be included in the Federal Register. The Commission will not publish these materials in the Federal Register.

Type of Respondent: Intrastate natural gas and Hinshaw pipelines.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

FERC-549D (Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Interstate Natural Gas and Hinshaw Pipelines)									
					Total				
					Annual				
		Annual		Average	Burden				
		Number of		Burden &	Hours &	Cost per			
	Number of	Responses per	Total Number	Cost Per	Total	Respondent			
	Respondents	Respondent	of Responses	Response ⁴	Annual Cost	(\$)			
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)*(4)=(5)	(5)÷(1)			
PDF filings	76	4	304	12.5	3,800	\$4,191			
				\$1,048	\$318,516				
XML filings	33	4	132	10	1,320	\$3,352			
				\$832	\$110,642				
TOTAL			436		5,120				
					\$429,158				

 $FERC\mbox{-}733, [Demand\ Response/Time\mbox{-}Based\ Rate\ Programs\ and\ Advanced$

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⁴ The hourly wage figure is \$83.82/hour. This cost represents the average cost of four career fields: Legal (\$129.12/hour), Accountants (\$53.86/hour), Management Analyst (\$60.53/hour), and Computer and Information (\$91.76/hour); this cost also includes benefit costs within the hourly estimates. These figures were compiled using Bureau of Labor Statistics data that were specific to each occupational category: http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm

OMB Control No.: 1902-0271

Abstract: Section 1252(e)(3) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005,⁵ requires the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) to prepare and publish an annual report, by appropriate region, that assesses demand response resources, including those available from all consumer classes. Specifically, EPAct 2005 Section 1252(e)(3) requires that the Commission identify and review:

- (A) saturation and penetration rate of advanced meters and communications technologies, devices and systems;
- (B) existing demand response programs and time-based rate programs;
- (C) the annual resource contribution of demand resources;
- (D) the potential for demand response as a quantifiable, reliable resource for regional planning purposes;
- (E) steps taken to ensure that, in regional transmission planning and operations, demand resources are provided equitable treatment as a quantifiable, reliable resource relative to the resource obligations of any load-serving entity, transmission provider, or transmitting party; and
- (F) regulatory barriers to improved customer participation in demand response, peak reduction and critical period pricing programs.

Type of Respondent: Persons interested in the above topics.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

⁵ Pub. L. No. 109-58, 1252(e)(3), 119 Stat. 594, 966 (2005) (EPAct 2005).

	Annual		Average		
	Number of		Burden &	Total Annual	Cost per
Number of	Responses per	Total Number	Cost Per	Burden Hours &	Respondent
Respondents	Respondent	of Responses	Response ⁶	Total Annual Cost	(\$)
(1)	(2)	(1)*(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)*(4)=(5)	(5) ÷ (1)
3,400	1	3,400	260.75	886,550	\$19,426
			\$19,426	\$66,047,975	

Dated: December 9, 2016

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

⁶ The estimates for cost per response are derived using the 2016 FERC average salary plus benefits of \$154,647/year (or \$74.50/hour). Commission staff finds that the work done for this information collection is typically done by wage categories similar to those at FERC.

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